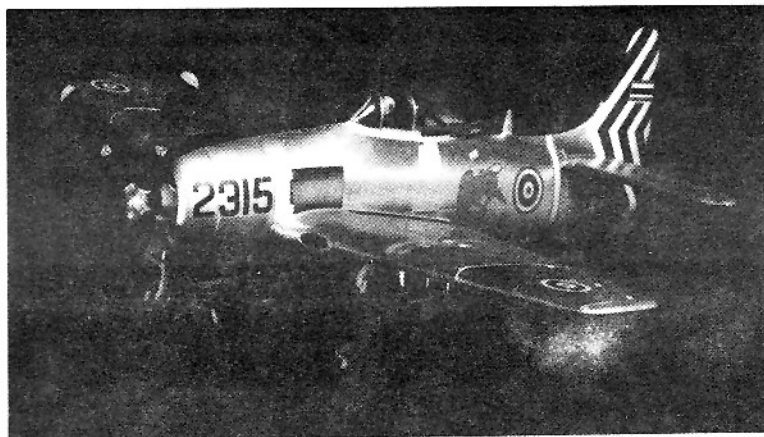


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 GRUMMAN F8F-2

BEARCAT

The last of a long historic line of Grumman propeller driven carrier fighters, the Bearcat summed up all the knowledge Grumman had gained from the many years of aircraft production for the United States Navy.

Very fast (447 mph at 28,000 ft.) and highly maneuverable, the F8F was every inch a thoroughbred pilot's airplane. Spanning a mere 35 ft. 6 in., the Bearcat was powered by a Pratt & Whitney R2800-34W developing 2,400 h.p.* at sea level. This engine turned an Aeroproducts propeller of 12 ft. 7 in. diameter that pulled the airplane with a spectacular 4,600 ft./min. rate of climb. A total of 365 F8F-2 Bearcats were produced in various marks including night fighters and photo planes.

Phased of U.S. Navy fleet use by the end of 1952, many Bearcats were given to foreign air services as part of the Military Assistance Program. France, Thailand and South Vietnam received many of these aircraft—the model in this kit depicts a Royal Thai Air Force Bearcat.

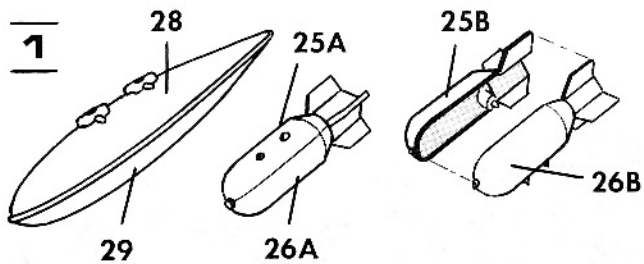
Additional number of -2 Bearcats were sold as surplus and a number of private register Bearcats are currently active in racing and aerobatic roles where—lightened; without military equipment and armor—the Bearcat's high performance is brought to its maximum. There is no question in anyone's mind as to the status of Grumman's little Bearcat . . . it was—and is—a classic.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The striped tail decal must be applied at Step 5 **before** the stabilizer and elevator—parts 7 and 8—are glued to the fuselage. See page 4 and the photographs at left for decal placement.

READ THIS CAREFULLY

Glue will not hold to a chrome plated surface—you must scrape away all plating on glue joints. We recommend the use of liquid cement and brush applicator rather than tube cement. However, tube glues can be used if care is taken. Do not handle the model excessively—oils from your hand may stain the aluminized finish. Study the instructions carefully and use enamel paints only.



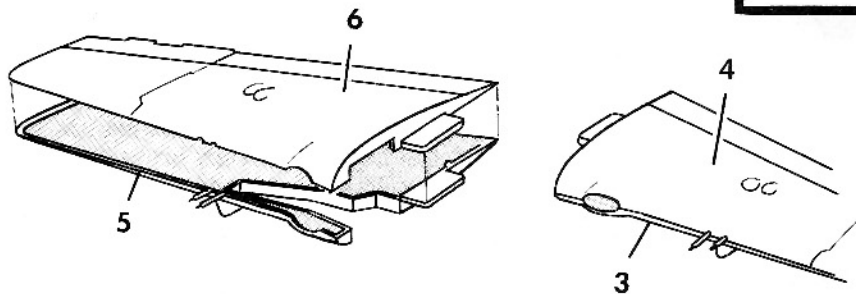
Glue fuel tank halves (28 and 29) together. Glue bomb halves (25A and 26A; 25B and 26B) together. Set aside to dry.

Pegue las mitades del tanque de combustible. Pegue las mitades de la bomba. Déjelo secar.

Collez ensemble les mi-réservoirs à essence (28 et 29). Collez ensemble les mi-bombes (25A et 26A; 25B et 26B). Placez-les de côté à sécher.

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Glue the upper and lower left winghalves together (4 and 3). Glue the upper and lower right wing halves (6 and 5) together. Set aside to dry.



Serious plastic scale model builders who are interested in furthering their knowledge of the fine art of historic modeling may wish to contact a group devoted to this hobby. Contact:

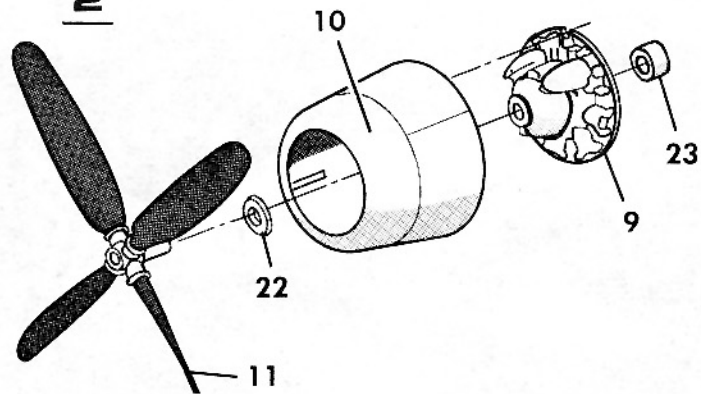
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Paint the instrument panel (32) black. Now apply the panel decal and glue the panel into place as shown. Glue the seat (15) into place as shown. Glue the tailwheel (14) into place on the right fuselage half (2). Now glue the left (1) and right (2) fuselage halves together.

Pinte de negro el tablero de instrumentos. Ahora aplique la calcomanía al panel y péguelo en su lugar, como se muestra. Pegue el asiento en su lugar, como se muestra. Pegue la rueda de la cola en su lugar en la mitad derecha del fuselaje. Ahora pegue las dos mitades del fuselaje.

Peignez le tableau de bord (32) en noir. Maintenant appliquez la décalcomanie et collez le tableau de bord à sa place comme montré. Collez le siège (15) à sa place comme montré. Collez le train d'atterrissage arrière (14) à sa place sur le mi-fuselaje droit (2). Maintenant collez ensemble les mi-fuselages gauche (1) et droit (2).

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Glue collector ring (22) to the back of propeller (11) pushing it as far forward on the shaft as it will go. Glue the motor (9) into the cowl (10). Slide the propeller shaft through the motor and glue the retainer (23) to the shaft where it comes through the motor.

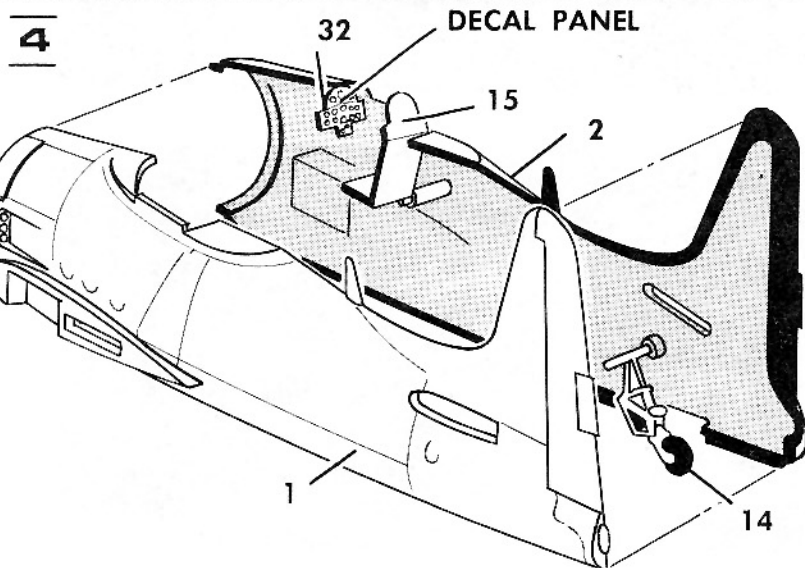
Pegue el anillo del colector a la parte posterior de la hélice, empujándolo todo cuanto vaya en el eje. Pegue el motor dentro de su cubierta. Deslice el eje de la hélice a través del motor, y pegue el retén al eje cuando esté a través del motor.

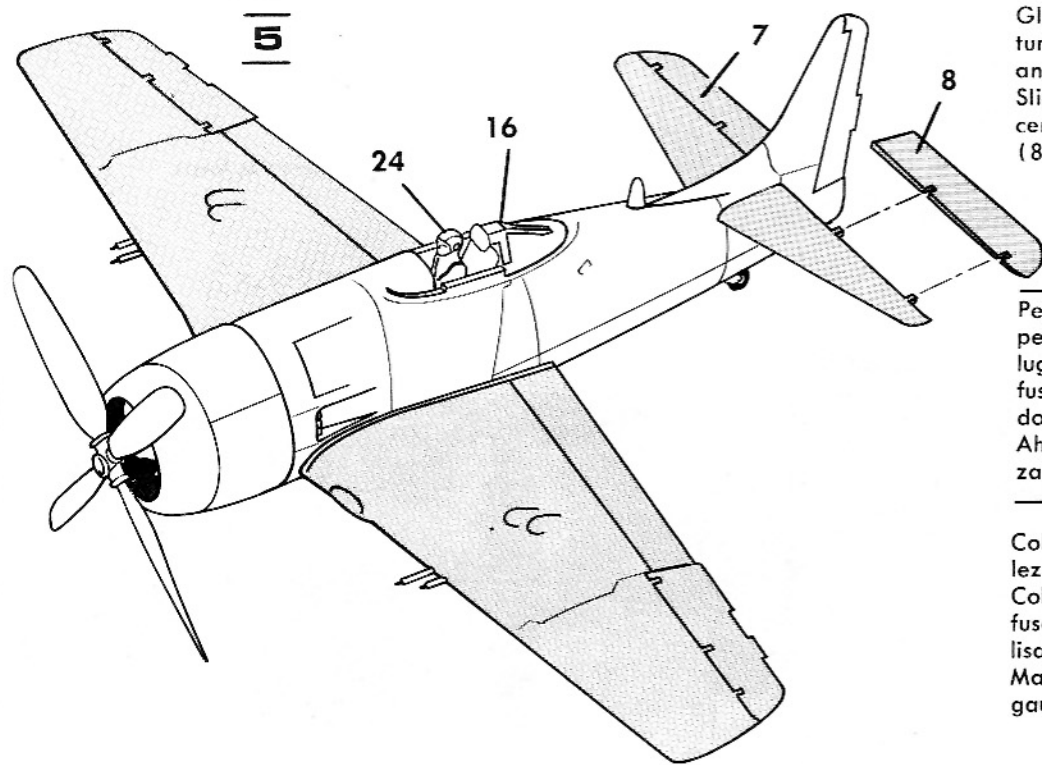
Collez la rondelle collecteuse (22) à l'arrière d'hélice (11) en la poussant aussi loin en avant sur l'arbre qu'elle va. Collez le moteur (9) au capot (10). Glissez l'arbre d'hélice dans le moteur et collez le support (23) à l'arbre d'où il sort du moteur.

Pegue la parte superior a la inferior de la media ala izquierda. Pegue la parte superior a la inferior de la media ala derecha. Déjelas secar.

Collez ensemble la partie supérieure et inférieure des mi-ailes gauche (4 et 3). Collez ensemble la partie supérieure et inférieure des mi-ailes droites (6 et 5). Placez-les de côté à sécher.

Special thanks for research information to: Grumman Aircraft; Bill Fornof; Dick Hill; Kent Kistler; Dave Menard





Glue the pilot (24) into place. Now glue the turnover brace (16) into place. Glue the wings and cowl assembly to the fuselage as shown. Slide the stabilizer (7) through the fuselage; center and glue. Now glue the left elevator (8) to the stabilizer.

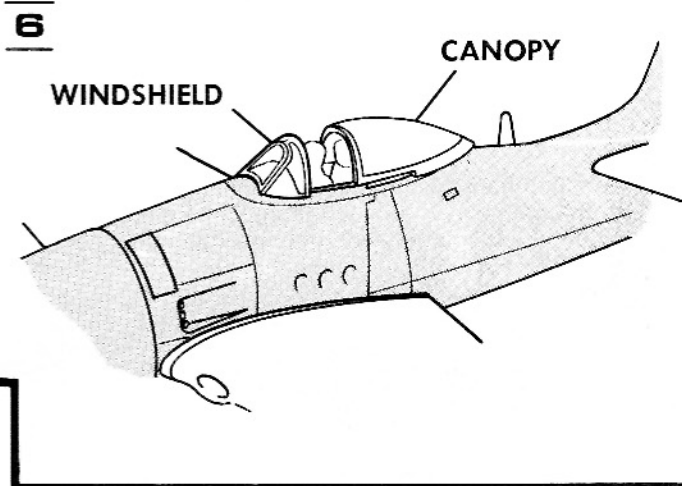
Pegue la figurilla del piloto en su lugar. Ahora pegue el tirante de la cercha protectora en su lugar. Pegue las alas y la cubierta del motor al fuselaje, como se muestra. Deslice el estabilizador a través del fuselaje. Encéntralo y péguelo. Ahora pegue el elevador izquierdo al estabilizador.

Collez le pilote (24) à sa place. Maintenant collez le croisillon de renversement (16) à sa place. Collez les ailes et l'assemblage de capot au fuselage comme on est montré. Glissez le stabilisateur (7) au centre du fuselage et collez-le. Maintenant collez le gouvernail de profondeur gauche (8) au stabilisateur.

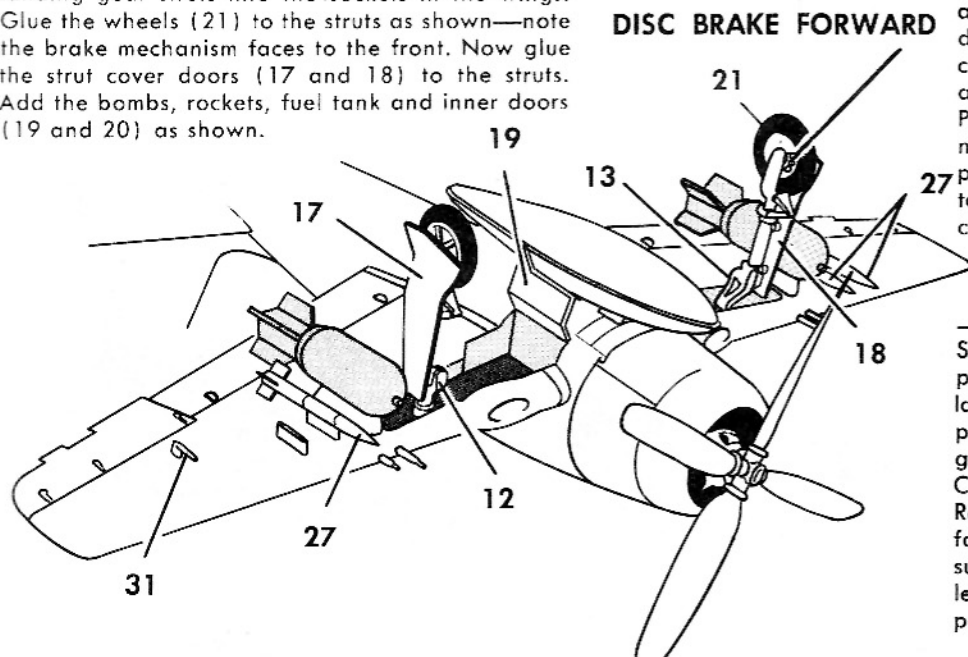
Glue the windshield (clear plastic) to the fuselage. The canopy (clear plastic) can be glued into place in the open position (shown at right) or closed position (as on box cover).

Pegue el parabrisas (de plástico transparente) al fuselaje. La cabina cerrada transparente se puede pegar a su lugar, ya sea abierta, como se muestra a la derecha, o cerrada, como aparece en la cubierta de la caja.

Collez le pare-brise (plastique transparent) au fuselage. La verrière de cabine (plastique transparent) peut être collée à sa place à la position ouverte (comme montré à droite) ou à la position fermée (comme vous trouvez sur le couvercle de la boîte).

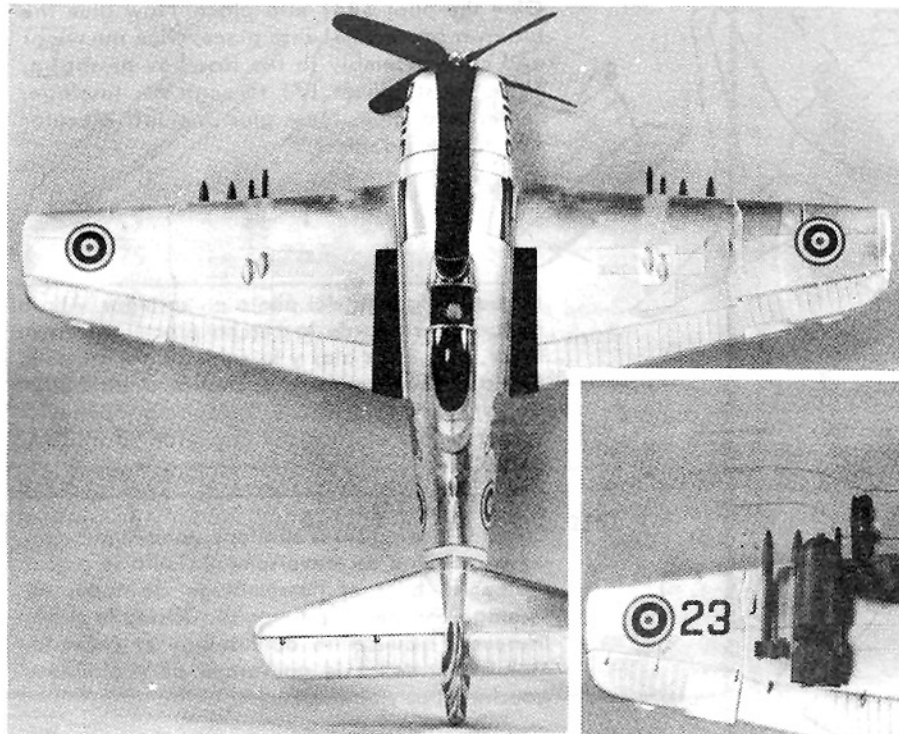


If you are painting your model, paint it before proceeding further. Add the decal markings to the bottom of the wing now (see page four for placement). Now glue the left (12) and right (13) landing gear struts into the sockets in the wings. Glue the wheels (21) to the struts as shown—note the brake mechanism faces to the front. Now glue the strut cover doors (17 and 18) to the struts. Add the bombs, rockets, fuel tank and inner doors (19 and 20) as shown.

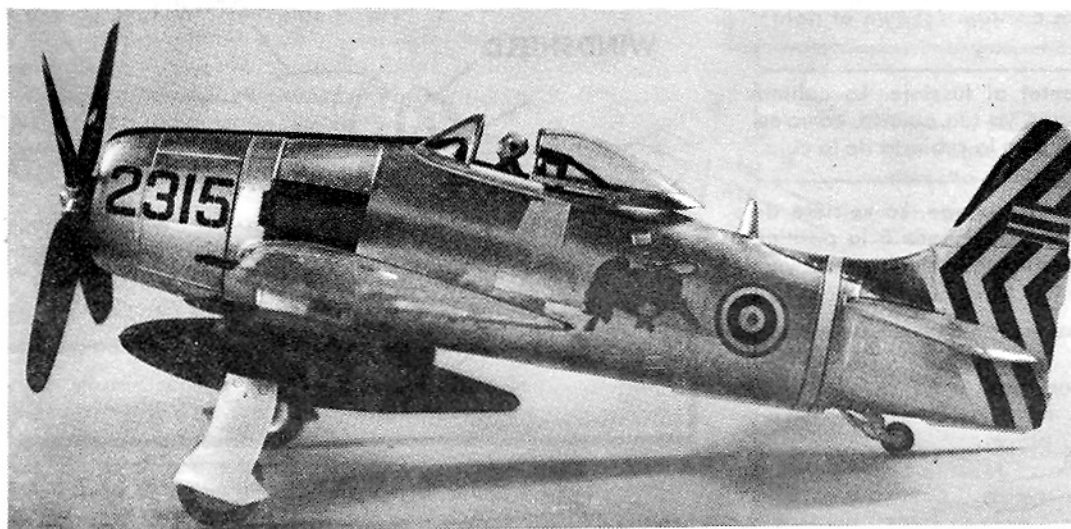
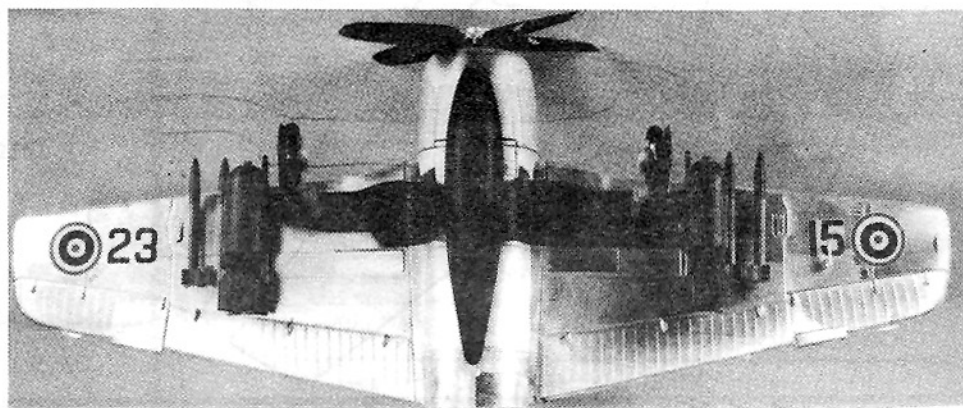


Si va a pintar su modelo, pintelo antes de proseguir adelante. Adicione ahora las calcomanías a la parte de abajo del ala (vea la página cuatro para la colocación). Ahora pegue los soportes del tren de aterrizaje dentro de los receptáculos de las alas. Pegue las ruedas a los soportes, como se muestra—note que el mecanismo de frenaje dé al frente. Ahora pegue las puertas del tren de aterrizaje a los montantes. Adicione las bombas, cohetes, tanque de combustible, y portas interiores, como se muestra.

Si vous peignez le modèle, faites-le avant proceder plus loins. Ajoutez le marquage de la décalcomanie à la partie inférieure de l'aile. (Regardez page quatre pour placement.) Puis collez les supports d'atterrisseur gauches (12) et droits (13) aux douilles dans les ailes. Collez les roues (21) aux supports comme montré—Remarquez le mécanisme de frein (atterrissage) fait face au devant. Maintenant collez les couvercles de support des portes (17 et 18) aux supports. Ajoutez les bombes, les fusées, le réservoir à essence et les portes intérieures (19 et 20) comme montré.



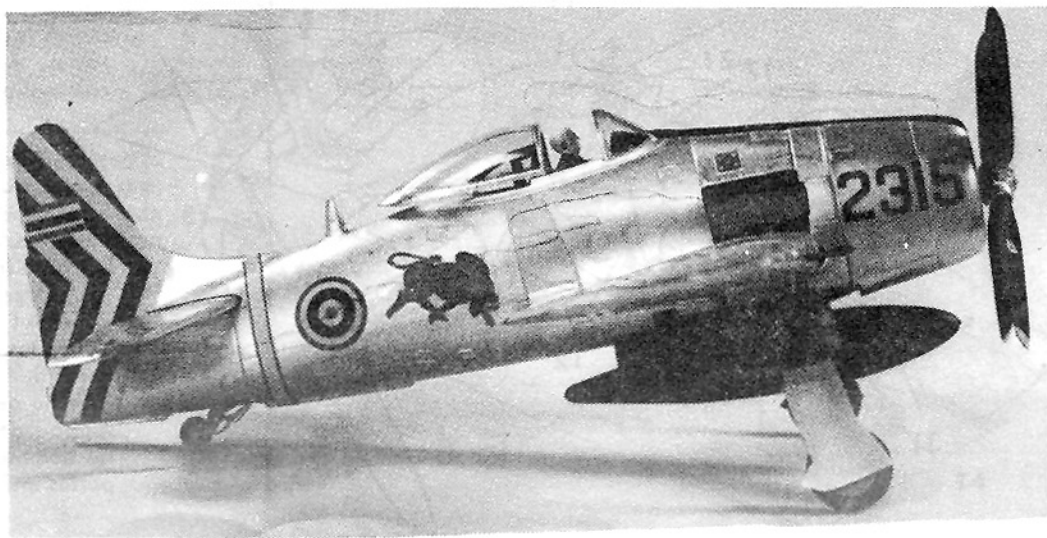
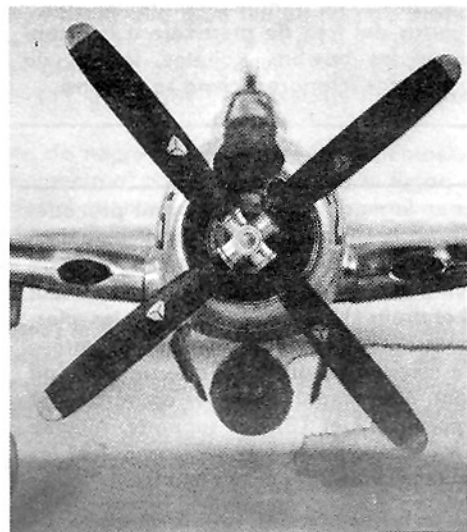
Apply decals as shown in these photographs.



PAINT SCHEME

Cockpit interior	gray
Pilot	
Suit	light tan
Helmet	white or yellow
Life jacket	orange
Gloves, shoes	black
Belts, straps	gray
Bombs, rocket noses	olive drab
Rocket body	gray
Propeller	black, yellow tips
Engine	
Crankcase	gray
Cylinders	Silver
Drop tank	dark blue

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